

## House Resolution No. 3164

**Whereas**, the members of the Missouri House of Representatives were truly saddened by the death of former State Representative Ralph Emby Combs on May 12, 2008, at the age of ninety; and

**Whereas**, born on August 15, 1917, into the family of William L. and Georgia (Barker) Combs of rural King City, Missouri, Ralph Combs was a farmer and rancher who bought, cured, and sold bluegrass seed until 1960 when he moved to King City and opened the first self-service laundry and car wash; and

**Whereas**, Ralph Combs served one term as Mayor of King City and four terms as a Missouri State Representative who was an active member of First Presbyterian Church; and

**Whereas**, Ralph Combs married the former Wilma Allenbrand on October 9, 1936, with whom he lived for seventy wonderful years until her death in 2007; and

**Whereas**, the marital union of Ralph and Wilma Combs was blessed with the love and affection of their children, Colan and Carol Combs of Bloomsburg, Pennsylvania; Doris E. Weigart of Savannah, Missouri; and the late William Combs; nine grandchildren; twenty great-grandchildren; nine great-great-grandchildren; and

**Whereas**, preceded in death by his parents, wife, a son, two brothers, and a grandson, Ralph Combs is survived by most of his direct descendants, two nieces, four nephews, and a sister-in-law; and

**Whereas**, it is fitting and proper that the Missouri House of Representatives should pause in its diverse legislative actions in order to acknowledge the passing away of such outstanding Missouri citizens as Ralph Combs:

**Now, therefore, be it resolved** that we, the members of the Missouri House of Representatives, Ninety-fourth General Assembly, join unanimously to memorialize the life and work of Ralph Combs and to convey this legislative body's most heartfelt condolences to his family members, colleagues, friends, and neighbors who now miss his considerable strength, warmth, and light in their daily lives; and

**Be it further resolved** that the Chief Clerk of the Missouri House of Representatives be instructed to prepare a properly inscribed copy of this resolution in memory of Ralph Emby Combs of King City, Missouri.

Offered by \_\_\_\_\_  
Representative James O. Guest  
District No. 5

I, Rod Jetton, Speaker of the House of Representatives,  
Ninety-fourth General Assembly, Second Regular Session,  
do certify that the above is a true and correct copy of House  
Resolution No. 3164, adopted May 16, 2008.

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Rod Jetton, Speaker